GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CELLULAR JAIL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cellular Jail associated with the freedom movement at Andaman and Nicobar Islands has completed its 100 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to pay tribute to the freedom fighters detained in the said jail;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is in possession of list of such freedom fighters including their records;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether any arrangement has been made to display the list for viewing of the common people; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Cellular Jail, now a National Memorial, has completed hundred years of its existence. Its construction began in 1896 and was completed in 1906.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. A series of programmes have been chalked out and are under implementation during 2006-07, both at Port Blair as well as at other venues in the mainland.

(e) & (f): Andaman & Nicobar Administration has published a book titled ` Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle in Andaman-who`s who`, which carries the names of all Freedom Fighters incarcerated in the Cellular Jail. There is a reference library exclusively on the Freedom movement with special reference to Andaman & Nicobar Islands in the premises of the Cellular Jail, which has archival records of Freedom Fighters, their biographies and autobiographies, etc.

(g) & (h): Yes, Sir. The names of all Freedom Fighters have been displayed on the marble slabs erected in the Central tower of the Cellular Jail. Wherever the photographs of the Freedom Fighters are available, the same have been displayed in the Cellular Jail museum.